

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. APP. NO. 09/973,046

REMARKS

Summary Of The Office Action

Claims 5-7, 10 and 11 are pending in the application.

Claims 5-6 and 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Forstadius (Pub. No. US 2003/0002504 A1) and further in view of Chen (USP 5,978,775).

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Forstadius in view of Chen and further in view of Boesjes (USP 6,799,165).

Analysis of the Rejections

Applicant notes that the Office Action contains two rejections, and that the Examiner has applied Forstadius in each of these rejections. Forstadius, however, has a filing date of June 29, 2001, while the present application claims priority from Korean Patent Application No. 2001-3253, filed January 19, 2001. Additionally, on December 8, 2004, Applicant filed a certified English translation of Korean Patent Application No. 2001-3253, thereby perfecting priority. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections contained in the present Office Action, because Applicant's perfected priority date of January 19, 2001 precedes the filing date of Forstadius of June 29, 2001.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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